## Alabama's School Improvement Model under NCLB

Designation Progression	Applied to schools and LEAs (districts):			
	• Did Not Make AYP (one year for one or more goals)			
	• Improvement Year 1 (two consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	• Improvement Year 2 (three consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	• Improvement Year 3 (four consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	• Improvement Year 4 (five consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	• Improvement Year 5 (six consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	• Improvement Year 6+ (seven or more consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
Trigger(s) for beginning tiered support	• Two years of not meeting AYP in the same area(s)			
from SDE				
# Years that trigger possible SEA	Corrective Action - Improvement Year 3 (four consecutive years of not meeting AYP for the same goal(s)			
Intervention	<i>Intervention: Plan for Restructuring</i> – Improvement Year 4 (five consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	<i>Intervention: Restructuring</i> – Improvement Year 5 (six consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
	<i>Intervention: Restructuring</i> – Improvement Year 6+ (six consecutive years for the same goal(s))			
Exit Criteria	• Two years of meeting AYP for the identified goal(s)			
Type of Support(s)	• LEA required hiring of School Improvement Specialist for LEA Improvement or schools with Year 3 or			
	greater status			
	• SDE assigned state support staff to work with district/school teams based on improvement status			
	Development of designated plans based on improvement status			
	Professional development requirements			

## Alabama's ESEA Waiver Model

Designation Determination	Priority Identification		
	Tier I and Tier II SIG schools		
	• Graduation Rate less than 60%		
	• Lowest performing schools inclusive of lowest 5% of Title I schools		
	Focus Identification		
	• Rank order of schools by within-school gaps/state gaps between subgroups over a two year period		
	• Lowest performing schools inclusive of lowest 10% of Title I schools		
Trigger(s) for receiving support from	Applied to schools/districts:		
SDE	• Priority Schools - identified for a three year cycle of support		
	• Focus Schools – identified for a two year cycle of support		
# Years that trigger possible SEA	<b>Priority School -</b> lack of significant progress after 3 years of support		
Intervention	Focus School – lack of significant progress after 2 years of support		
Exit Criteria	Priority - Achievement		
	Implement interventions for three consecutive years		
	• Rank higher than the lowest 5% of Title I schools		
	Participation Rate of 95% or greater		
	Meet or exceed AMOs for "all students" for two consecutive years		
	Priority – Graduation Rate		
	Implement interventions for three consecutive years		
	Graduation Rate of 65% or greater for two consecutive years		
	Participation Rate of 95% or greater		
	Focus School		
	<ul> <li>Meet or exceed AMOs for applicable subgroups for two consecutive years</li> </ul>		
	• Rank higher than the lowest 10% of Title I schools		
	Participation Rate of 95% or greater		
	Implement intervention strategies for three consecutive years		
Type of Support(s)	Regional team approach in partnership with the school districts		
	• Regional Team comprised of Regional Support Coordinator, ARI, AMSTI, and Regional Inservice Center		
	Directors, regional staff, SDE staff, other agency partners (as indicated)		
	<ul> <li>Team worked collaboratively to identify supports for identified schools/districts based on data</li> </ul>		
	Team identified global needs based on review of collective district data within regions		
	Provide support with implementing interventions utilizing the Turnaround Principles		

## **Review of Current State Models**

	Michigan	Indiana	AL ESSA Cmte. Rec.
Identification Process	<ul> <li>At Risk Priority – annually produce list of lowest 10% of schools</li> <li>At Risk Focus – annually produce list of lowest 20% of schools with widest gaps</li> <li>Priority – lowest 5% of schools for two consecutive years</li> <li>Focus         <ul> <li>10% of schools with largest achievement gaps (including bottom 30%) for two consecutive years, or</li> <li>Graduation rates below 60%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Priority</li> <li>Title I schools with grade of F or is persistently low achieving (lowest 15%)</li> <li>Title I schools with Graduation rate below 65%</li> <li>Both re-evaluated annually</li> <li>Focus</li> <li>Title I school receiving a D (and not a priority school), or</li> <li>Title I schools with Graduation rates below 60% for 2 consecutive years</li> </ul>	
Trigger(s) for Targeted Support	<ul> <li>Applied to schools/districts:</li> <li>Priority Schools - identified for a three year cycle of support</li> <li>Focus Schools - identified for a two year cycle of support</li> </ul>	Applied to schools:  • Priority Schools – continued identification, reviewed annually  • Focus Schools – identified for a two year cycle of support	
# Years before SEA Intervention	<ul> <li>Priority Schools</li> <li>Upon identification</li> <li>Focus Schools</li> <li>Targeted support provided after 3 consecutive years with status</li> <li>Intensive state support beginning with 4 consecutive years of status</li> </ul>	Priority and Focus Schools  • Beginning with year 4 of identification	
Exit Criteria	<ul> <li>Priority</li> <li>Not ranked among lowest 5% of schools</li> <li>Meet AMOs for ELA and math</li> <li>95% participation rate</li> <li>Re-evaluated annually thereafter</li> <li>Focus</li> <li>Gap – 2 consecutive years making improvement for identified subgroup</li> <li>Graduation – 2 consecutive years grad rate above 60%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Priority</li> <li>Maintain a C or better for 2 consecutive years, or</li> <li>Earn Reward Status for 1 year</li> <li>Focus</li> <li>maintain a C for at least 2 years or</li> <li>Reward status for 1 year and grade improvement</li> </ul>	
Type of Support(s)	Collaborative team approach with representatives from state, district, teacher union, school and community  State-funded District Improvement Facilitator  Priority - Required district and local school board collaboratively developed redesign plan  Focus – district and school requirements including planning, evaluation of tier I instruction, and quarterly board progress reports	<ul> <li>Partnership among representatives of IDOE, community, regional field staff, district, school, etc</li> <li>Required school audits</li> <li>Based on status, develop comprehensive school plan, student achievement plan, and/or intervention plan for implementation of Turnaround Principles</li> </ul>	